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FROM ATHERTON AND SAUNDERS

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT - PRESS REMARKS

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1. YOU MAY MAKE FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO EGYPTIAN AND  
SYRIAN AMBASSADORS WITH RESPECT TO QUERIES ON STATUS OF  
U.S. - SOVIET JOINT STATEMENT OF OCTOBER 1, 1977.

2. THE STATEMENTS OF THE SECRETARY AND GROMYKO SPEAK  
FOR THEMSELVES. BOTH GOVERNMENTS CONSIDER THAT THE  
OCTOBER JOINT STATEMENT IS STILL VALID. IT WILL BE  
RECALLED THAT THE JOINT STATEMENT WAS ISSUED AT A TIME  
LAST AUTUMN WHEN THE FOCAL POINT OF DIPLOMACY WAS THE  
EFFORT TO RECONVENE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. AS THE TWO  
CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, THE U.S. AND  
SOVIET UNION BELIEVED IT WOULD FACILITATE A RECONVENING  
OF THE CONFERENCE IF THEY REACHED AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THEMSELVES ON THE BROAD PRINCIPLES THAT WOULD GOVERN A  
RECONVENED CONFERENCE.

3. WITH SADAT'S TRIP TO JERUSALEM IN NOVEMBER, AND  
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SADAT-BEGIN SUMMIT AT ISMAILIYA AT CHRISTMAS, PEACE  
PROCESS WAS PLACED ON DIFFERENT TRACT AND RECONVENING  
GENEVA CONFERENCE NO LONGER BECAME IMMEDIATE PROBLEM.  
HOWEVER, BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT HAVE STRESSED THAT THEIR  
NEGOTIATIONS, FIRST IN CAIRO PREPARATORY CONFERENCE, AND  
LATER IN POLITICAL AND MILITARY COMMITTEES OF THAT  
CONFERENCE, WERE BEING CONDUCTED WITHIN OVERALL GENEVA

CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK. THEIR OBJECTIVES, AS BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAVE FREQUENTLY STATED, REMAINS A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE SETTLEMENT WHICH EMBRACES ALL OF ARAB-ISRAEL BELLIGERENTS.

4. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT SEE ANY IMMEDIATE PROSPECT OF GOING BACK TO GENEVA, THIS REMAINS ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE AND THERE IS NO REASON FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW WHY PRINCIPLES WE AND SOVIETS AGREED TO LAST OCTOBER WITH THIS OBJECTIVE IN MIND ARE NOT STILL VALID. VANCE

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